

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A reclosable tray for medical instruments comprising:
 - a lower portion having:
 - a first major lower side having a lower hinge portion;
 - a second major lower side having a first lower locking portion; and
 - a first minor lower side connecting the first major lower side and the second major lower side;
 - an upper portion having:
 - a first major upper side having an upper hinge portion hingedly connected to the lower hinge portion;
 - a second upper major side having a first upper locking portion; and
 - a first minor upper side connecting the first major upper side and the second major upper side;

wherein the first lower locking portion includes a first lower tab and wherein the first upper locking portion includes a first upper tab, and wherein the first lower tab is engageable with the first upper tab to releasably retain the second upper major side proximate to the second lower major side.
2. The reclosable tray according to claim 1, wherein the lower portion comprises a plurality of compartments.

3. The reclosable tray according to claim 2, wherein the upper portion comprises a plurality of indentations adapted to cooperate with at least one of the plurality of compartments to retain at least one article in the at least one of the plurality of compartments.
4. The reclosable tray according to claim 1, wherein the tray is constructed from polyvinyl chloride.
5. The reclosable tray according to claim 1, wherein the lower portion further comprises an interior sidewall and the upper portion further comprises an exterior sidewall adapted to frictionally engage the interior sidewall at a plurality of locations along the interior sidewall.
6. The reclosable tray according to claim 1, wherein the first minor lower side comprises a second lower locking tab and the first minor upper side comprises a second upper locking tab and wherein the first lower tab is engageable with the first upper tab to releasably retain the first upper minor side proximate to the first lower minor side.
7. The reclosable tray according to claim 1, wherein the first lower locking portion includes a first tab having a first exterior portion that extends generally parallel to the second lower major side and a first interior portion that extends in a direction generally obliquely away from the first lower minor side.
8. The reclosable tray according to claim 7, wherein the first upper locking portion includes a second tab having a second exterior portion that extends generally parallel to the second upper major side and a second interior portion that extends in a direction generally obliquely toward the first upper minor side.
9. The reclosable tray according to claim 1, wherein the first upper locking portion is engageable with the first lower locking portion such that a portion of the first upper locking portion is disposable below a portion of the first lower locking portion.

10. A reclosable tray for medical instruments comprising:

a lower portion having:

a first lower side having a lower hinge portion; and

a second lower side having a first lower means for releasably locking the lower portion; and

an upper portion having:

a first upper side having an upper hinge portion hingedly connected to the lower hinge portion of the first lower side; and

a second upper side having a first upper means for releasably locking the upper portion;

wherein the first lower means and the first upper means are releasably interlockable with each other to releasably secure the second lower side to the second upper side.

11. The reclosable tray according to claim 10, wherein the lower portion further comprises a second lower means for releasably locking the lower portion and the upper portion further comprises a second upper means for releasably locking the upper portion, wherein the second lower means and the second upper means are releasably interlockable with each other to releasably secure the second lower side to the second upper side.

12. The reclosable tray according to claim 10, wherein the lower portion further comprises an interior sidewall and the upper portion further comprises an exterior sidewall adapted to frictionally engage the interior sidewall at a plurality of locations along the interior sidewall.

13. The reclosable tray according to claim 10, wherein the tray is constructed from polyvinyl chloride.

14. The reclosable tray according to claim 10, wherein the lower portion comprises a plurality of compartments.
15. The reclosable tray according to claim 14, wherein the upper portion comprises a plurality of indentations adapted to cooperate with at least one of the plurality of compartments to retain at least one article in the at least one of the plurality of compartments.